

MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL
September 14, 15, and 16, 2010
Budget Hearings
GENERALIZED SUMMARY

The Hamilton County Council met on September 14th, 15th and 16th. The purpose: 2011 Budget Hearings. The County Council worked in conjunction with the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners to reach our 2011 budget reductions, due to a loss of COIT revenue, tax caps and lost assessed values. The Council met with Elected Officials and Department Heads on 2011 costs for county operations and possible cuts.

September 14, 2010 hearings began at 8:29:45 a.m. with Councilors Beaver, Belden, Carter, Hiatt, Levine, McKinney and Schwartz present. The hearings ended at 4:37:15 p.m.

September 15, 2010 hearings began at 8:14:48 a.m. with Councilors Beaver, Belden, Carter, Hiatt, Levine, McKinney and Schwartz present. Councilors Belden, Hiatt and McKinney were not present for the afternoon session.

September 16th 2010 hearings began at 8:00:00 a.m. with Councilors Beaver, Levine, McKinney and Schwartz present. President Carter and Commissioner Dillinger met with Elected Officials and Department Heads to discuss further budget cuts. The morning hearings ended at 10:00:00 a.m. The following business was conducted.

Councilor Belden moved Resolution 09-14-10-01 "Resolution for An Excess Levy Appeal" for Hamilton East Library. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Councilor Beaver moved the non-binding recommendation to all Hamilton County units of government (except for Hamilton East Library and Hamilton County Solid Waste) "to not exceed the county growth quotient of 6.3%". Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Councilor Beaver moved the non-binding recommendation for Hamilton East Library and Hamilton County Solid Waste "to not exceed the county growth quotient of 6.3%". Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

The afternoon session reconvened at 3:00:00 p.m. with Councilors Beaver, Belden, Carter, Levine, McKinney and Schwartz in attendance. Councilor Hiatt was not in attendance September 16, 2010. The hearings were adjourned at approximately 4:00:00 p.m.

Summary:

Auditor Coverdale estimated total cuts are at \$3,059,924, which does not include the Jail and Juvenile Detention funds of \$1 million. It was the general consensus to take the remaining dollars needed from the Rainy Day Fund.

Auditor Coverdale suggested that the Council allow the Auditor to meet with Dan Stevens to get the line items and go through the previous reductions and prepare the calculations. After this meeting the Auditor will have a 2011 Final Adoption Summary for the County Council.

Commissioner Dillinger stated that Mike Howard and Sheena Randall will hold a mandatory meeting of the elected officials and department heads to make sure the proper procedures are followed for the reduction in force (RIF).

Mike Howard suggested the Council instruct the Auditor to prepare the final budget in concurrence with what the Council has cut. Councilor Belden moved to request the Auditor to make a final budget to submit to the Council at our next meeting. Councilor Beaver stated that this would not be soon enough. Councilor Beaver moved to have the Auditor post the budget as discussed in this meeting with the Council review and adopt it at our next regular Council meeting. Commissioner Altman stated the final adoption has to be October 18th. Councilor Beaver amended his motion to state they will discuss it at their next regular meeting. Councilor Belden seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 6-0. Councilor Hiatt was not in attendance.

Councilor Beaver asked if the Commissioners are in agreement with this budget. Commissioners Altman, Dillinger and Holt concurred.

Meeting was duly adjourned

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